

## News Review

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## USDA Complex Will Open Soon With 1300 Employees

by Elaine Skolnik

The doors of the new United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) office complex in Beltsville, now 99.9% complete, are expected to open in February, according to Wally Aughenbaugh, Director of the agency's Strategic Space Planning Office. Occupancy will be phased in starting with about 100 administrative employees transferring from USDA's facility in Riverdale. The next group to move into the facility will be Agricultural Research Service Administrative financial and information employees currently housed in leased offices in Capital Office Park. Originally 1,500 employees were to be assigned to the four-building campus. That number has been reduced to 1,300 said Aughenbaugh.

Located on 45 acres of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), the complex is located south of Sunnyside Avenue between Tucker Street (near Rhode Island Avenue) and the CSX tracks. Amenities include a cafeteria, physical fitness and day care centers, a court yard, exercise trail and credit union. Aughenbaugh said that BARC will plant corn on the lower portion of the land.

From the start, the Greenbelt City Council vigorously opposed the office complex. Council cited adverse effects of road improvements on the environmen-

tally sensitive wetlands surrounding the complex, the loss of valuable open space and the piecemeal manner in which road improvements were being programmed to serve the complex. Traffic congestion continues to be a serious concern. The News Review learned recently from various sources, including the

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County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT), that USDA prefers the major ingress and egress for the new facility to be via Kenilworth (Edmonston) and Sunnyside Avenues, since it would be quicker and avoid Route 1 congestion.

To address traffic concerns, USDA is also finalizing a transportation management plan. Since only 900 parking spaces will be available for 1,300 employees at the complex, USDA officials are considering a myriad of transportation control measures. These include shuttle bus service from Metro, public bus and rail service, ride sharing, a telecommuting center and telecommuting from home. Reportedly CSX officials have turned down the creation of a bi-

cycle pedestrian path from the Greenbelt Metro Station to the new USDA complex on the basis that a third track will be needed in the future. Aughenbaugh, however, is still hopeful that the path will receive approval.

In the meantime, DPWT was notified, in a January 7 letter from the Corps of Engineers, that a recent field investigation disclosed that "unauthorized dredged and fill materials have been placed into jurisdictional waters of the United States, including wetlands, along Sunnyside Avenue...."

DPWT Director Betty Hager Francis told the News Review that "in slightly widening the width of the road (between Edmonston and the railroad tracks) to make Sunnyside safer for pedestrians and bicyclists, some brush and small trees were removed. The contractor did not do a good job of removing and taking these materials away, she explained, disputing that there was a violation. Francis said that DPWT will be meeting with the Corps to resolve the matter.

Between Edmonston Road and the approach to the railroad tracks, Sunnyside Avenue is two lanes wide. Beyond that point the road becomes four to five lanes. USDA is funding Sunnyside Avenue improvements and those on Edmonston Road between Cherrywood Lane and Sunnyside.

## City Council and SHA Debate Changes to Kenilworth Avenue

by Virginia Beauchamp

Everyone at the Greenbelt City Council worksession on January 14 expressed pleasure that the right-turn lane northbound from the Beltway exit ramp at Kenilworth Ave. will be eliminated with changes now being planned by the State Highway Administration (SHA). The present merge within a short distance of highspeed traffic from the Beltway into traffic slowing to turn right at Crescent Rd. has long been recognized as a design flaw.

Several accidents — some of them fatal — have occurred there. With the Beltway exit ramp eliminated, all traffic will be routed through the light to turn either north or south on Kenilworth.

"But why don't you just stop there?" asked councilmember Alan Turnbull. He was addressing an SHA team led by District Engineer Charlie K. Watkins, who were there at council's invitation to discuss issues of concern to Greenbelt. Foremost among these were plans to reconstruct the section of Kenilworth between the Beltway and Cherrywood Lane. The road

there is due for widening. New turn lanes at both Ivy Lane and Cherrywood will also be added.

With the exception of eliminating the ramp, council argues that the new design plans have "short changed" pedestrians and bicyclists and that additional traffic lanes on Kenilworth are "unnecessary." In a letter to Watkins dated December 23, Mayor Judith

**Council argues that the new design plans have "short changed" pedestrians and bicyclists.**

Davis had noted the state requirement that "no SHA project [should] sever or destroy an existing major bicycle route unless a reasonable alternative is provided." Additionally, the letter maintains, planned pedestrian crossings are inadequate.

At the January 14 meeting, Watkins disputed both charges. The bicycle route southbound on Kenilworth between Cherrywood and Crescent had even been "enhanced somewhat," he said. But he emphasized that SHA had been constrained by the need to

minimize impacts on wetlands and to save trees. "Hence we tried to restrict pavement widening," he said.

If additional width were provided to the southbound lane below Cherrywood, he said, as some at the meeting suggested, it would have required cutting into the steep hillside on land belonging to Capital Office Park. Right-of-way would then have to be purchased and a far more expensive construction procedure funded.

Instead SHA proposed replacing the 8-foot shoulder, currently

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### What Goes On

Mon., Feb. 2, 7 p.m.  
A.C.E., with PTA presidents, Municipal Building

8 p.m. Council Work session on Expanded Planning & Zoning Authority, Municipal Building

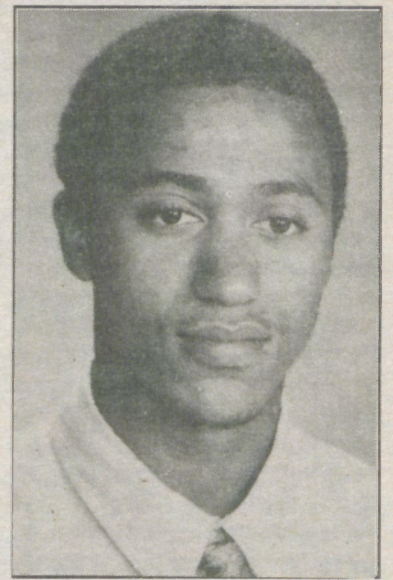
Wed., Feb. 4, 8 p.m.  
Council Worksession on Service Recognition for Volunteers and Memorial Garden Concept, Community Center.

## Man Killed for His Coat At Beltway Plaza Theater

(based on information provided by the Greenbelt Police Department)

A 20 year-old New Carrollton man was killed on Thursday, January 22 at approximately 11:45 p.m. when leaving a movie at the AMC 8 Theaters at Beltway Plaza. Anthony Jamaal Thomas was leaving the movie "Half Baked" with friends. The theater's house lights were still off while the closing credits rolled on the screen. Thomas became slightly separated from his friends, and apparently was accosted by a man who stabbed him several times and stole his Eddie Bauer brand 3/4 length coat. Police report that the jacket was damaged during the struggle.

Thomas left the theater, and headed for the police substation in the mall, which was closed. He collapsed shortly thereafter. According to Greenbelt police spokesperson Britt Cave, mall security arrived "immediately," and city police arrived "not long after." Thomas was taken to Prince George's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.



Anthony Thomas

### Anthony Thomas

by Mary Lou Williamson

"He would have given him the coat, if he'd asked," Siobhan Thomas said of her brother Anthony. Anthony Jamaal Thomas, age 20, died of multiple stab wounds only a few yards from the closed police substation in Beltway Plaza on an otherwise quiet Thursday night. He had gone along to see "Half-Baked" at the movies with friends and been attacked by a young man who stole his dark blue Eddie Bauer coat as he was leaving the theater and stabbed and killed him.

"Passive, laid-back, very honest," are the words his sister, four years older, has used in talking about her brother this week to reporters. "He was my heart. I watched him grow up. He'd come to me with his problems. We were close."

Anthony had been taking general courses at Prince George's Community College since graduating from Parkdale High School in 1996. Last semester he became interested in criminal law. He decided he wanted to become a defense lawyer, Siobhan related, after she was assaulted earlier this year. A family friend who is a paralegal encouraged him. Anthony had enough credits to transfer this semester to the University of Maryland at College Park and he and his sister had talked with a Maryland counselor earlier on Thursday. But they decided he would complete his two years at PG. "I can't believe he was murdered for his coat," Siobhan reflected again and again.

In Parkdale he ran track, played basketball and blew the trombone in the school band. Before Parkdale he had attended parochial school in Hyattsville for nine years, been active in cub scouts and boy scouts, and played Boys and Girls Club sports in Glen Arden. He loved and collected Looney Tunes watches from McDonalds.

He had a Washington Post paper route for three years and this

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**\$ 5000 Reward**  
For information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the stabbing death of Anthony Thomas.

Please call  
301-507-6530

The source of any information received will be kept confidential.

Greenbelt police are investigating, but need help. Although roughly 100 tickets had been sold to the movie, most people had left the theater by the time police arrived. While police are circulating a drawing of the suspect, additional information is needed. (See box.) The suspect is described as a clean-shaven black male, 16-20 years old, 5'10", approximately 185 pounds with a husky build. He was wearing a white T-shirt under a black sweatshirt or jacket with a hood, and dark pants.

Anyone with information should call the Greenbelt Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit on 301-507-6530. At the January 26 regular council meeting, City Manager Michael McLaughlin announced that the AMC Theaters, Beltway Plaza and the Greenbelt police have combined to offer a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the murder. The source of any information received will be kept confidential.

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## To Be or Not to Be?

Should original Greenbelt be designated a county historic district? This question has been addressed to the board of directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and the Greenbelt City Council after a unanimous recommendation by the GHI ad hoc Historic District Study Committee. The committee unanimously recommended last month that the county historic district designation be sought. Unlike similar designations by the federal government, including that for original Greenbelt as an historic landmark, the county designation would place obligations on home and property owners. A county designation would also offer tax credits, help to protect the historic neighborhood, and strengthen the community's economic vitality and cultural identity.

The city and GHI are the primary — but not the only — owners of property within the proposed historic district. Business properties at Roosevelt Center, the privately owned apartments on Parkway and Crescent Road, many of the city's churches, and the privately owned homes on Forestway would also be affected.

This issue has been under consideration for several years, no one expects a quick decision. GHI plans to give its members ample opportunity to learn about the implications, and to meet and discuss the issue. If all goes well, the board will make a recommendation to its membership in July 1998. The City Council has also moved cautiously.

We urge all affected residents and property owners to study the information produced and to express their views on this important matter.

## Follow the Gourd To Planetarium

A planetarium show for all ages: "Follow the Drinking Gourd" will be shown on Friday nights in February at 7:30 p.m. This sky show, based on the book by Jeannette Winter, introduces the audience to the day and night skies and discusses the importance of the Big Dipper (which slaves called a "Drinking Gourd"). The show teaches a song which was sung by slaves that explained how to use the Gourd to flee north to freedom. The program finishes with the story and artwork from Winter's book, which is the story of a family escaping from the South using the Drinking Gourd as a guide. This will be followed by a live presentation on the current night sky. The H.B. Owens Science Center Planetarium is at 9601 Greenbelt Road, in Lanham. There is a fee. Call 301-918-8750 for information.

## Mentally Ill Sessions

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Prince George's County, Inc. lists the following Support Group Meetings: February 4, at Bowie City Hall, 2614 Kenthill Dr. Room 7 at 7 p.m.; February 10, at Prince George's Health Dept. - Lower level Resource Room B in Cheverly at 7 p.m.; February 11 at Dyer Health Clinic, 9314 Piscataway Road., Clinton, Room 159 at 7 p.m.

In addition, employment for People with Mental Illnesses workshop will be held at Cheverly Health Dept., lower level Resource Room B, 7-9 p.m. on February 18. Larry Abramson, Director of Vocation Services of St. Luke's house, will discuss where to find help, when is the right time, what kind of work, and what happens to entitlements.

## Help Is Available For Job Seekers

Persons looking for a job can receive professional clothing for their job search. A new pilot program at the Prince George's County department of Social Services offers qualifying customers a selection of free professional attire for job interviews. For more information, call the Office of Volunteer Services at 301-422-5018.

## Letters

### An Affordable Price For Keeping Beavers?

Six months ago in this column July 31 I voiced concern for the future of Greenbelt's beavers. At that time, the News Review's editors assured readers that the City had no plans to exterminate the animals. Despite that assurance, my unease has persisted. Now, after reading recent contributions to this column advocating extermination and chastising city officials for "dithering," I know why.

Let us clear up a few misunderstandings. First, we are talking about more than one animal. The size of the current population is uncertain but beavers are active in the BARC area, at the junction of Edmonston and Powder Mill and along Indian Creek, as well as at Greenbelt Lake.

Second, "pest" — why are we singling out beavers for pest status? What about Greenbelt's exploding population of grey squirrels? Chewing up nests, eggs and fledglings, plastic bird-feeders, garden tables and woodwork, digging up bulbs — now there's a real pest. I haven't noticed any irate letters about squirrels. Nor about people who tear up daffodils around the Lake or other regular users of the lake whose activities might qualify them for pest status. Canada geese, for example, whose droppings foul the paths and recreation area. Why not add them to the list for extermination?

And, finally, the word that sends a shiver through endangered species everywhere — "extermination." Extermination is, by definition, a final and irreversible solution. And it will be extraordinarily difficult to establish a beaver-free Greenbelt Lake without extending extermination to surrounding areas and creating a broad exclusion zone.

That is a distasteful scenario, and one that poses serious jurisdictional questions. It also demonstrates the practical complications attending a superficially simple "solution" like extermination. Greenbelt faces the unenviable task of trying to balance the interests of an intruding human population and those of a much older natural order. Greenbelt is a "hybrid" community, neither town nor country but with some of the problems of both — and that, I suspect, is how most of the people who live here like it.

Speaking for myself, I would prefer something less radical, less huffing and puffing about trees, more dithering while all the possibilities for co-existence are explored. In the meantime, the beavers may move on. Should they stay, some wire-netting and the loss of a few trees seems an affordable price for part of our heritage that was almost lost but from the brink of extinction somehow found its way back to Greenbelt.

James Cockburn

### Rebuttal

This is in response to Harry Zubkoff's letter of January 15. He dismisses my arguments against pornography by calling them appropriate for puritans and belonging to the year 1698. Aside from the fact that puritanism was in England of almost no import by 1662 and had in this country already been much damaged by division in 1698, my arguments were in fact not at all puritanical.

Puritans wanted to cleanse the church in England of "Popish" ceremonies. In addition to pornography, they also disapproved of statuary and would certainly not have approved of the paintings in the Sistine Chapel. I have not, however, shown any objection to such artistic nudity nor to art in general.

Further, Zubkoff does not even address the validity of my arguments. The fact that the majority of people at certain times in history (although not 1698) would

have agreed with me has nothing to do with whether or not I am right. That is equivalent to arguing that because the Hellenic Greeks had, using a shadow falling from a pole, not only determined that the world was round but also calculated its diameter more accurately than anyone else until this century proves that modern science is wrong and that the world is really flat!

Thus, not only is Zubkoff wrong in calling my arguments puritan, but he does not even attempt to answer them. As to his charge that I have "read into I.J. Parker's column much more than was written," one has only to read the column and my reply again to see that there is no basis to that unsupported assertion.

Michael Hector Storck

### Thanks

Now that the holidays are over, I want to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Greenbelt for your cooperation in the Greenbelt Lions Club annual toy drive.

Without your help this year would not have been the biggest toy drive in our ten years. The response enabled us to provide toys to the following: (1) with the American Legion, who provided us with the ages and sex of children, we were able to provide toys to over 35 families. (2) toys were provided to three churches in the area who provided food baskets and the Lions provided the toys and (3) through the Prince George's Board of Education's Social Service Office, toys were provided to a lot of unfortunate children who otherwise would not have had a happy Christmas.

Again, as in the past, you have made our toy drive very successful and without your help, we couldn't have done it.

To all of you, the Greenbelt Lions Club wishes you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.


Joseph Wilkinson  
Chairman, Toy Drive  
Greenbelt Lions Club

## Small Fire Causes Minimal Damage

There was a fire in a house in the 7 Court of Crescent Road on Wednesday, January 21. The resident arrived home to find the house full of smoke and the smoke detector on. She called the fire department which arrived quickly. Firemen knocked a hole all the way through the wall to get at the fire which was in the living room wall.

That day workmen had been repairing the porch roof using a propane torch. This is probably what started the fire. The porch roof is at the level of the living room, since the basement door over which the porch roof is located leads directly outside at a level lower than the living room.


The hole was patched up that night and Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) has lent a space heater to the residents. GHI's insurance company provided a clean up crew the next day and they will repair the wall. Removal of the living room heater incurred some damage to the installation of the wires.



### Greenbelt Municipal Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

**Tuesday & Thursday, February 3 & 5**

<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	"The Audrey Scott Show"
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	"People and Places w/Senator Leo Green"
<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	"Replay of City Council 1/26/98"



### Greenbelt Recreation Department presents...

## Spring Camp

**When:** April 6-April 10  
9:00am - 3:30pm  
optional before and/or after care available

**Where:** Greenbelt Youth Center

**Who:** any child in K - 6th grade

**Price:** \$100.00 residents  
\$110.00 non-residents

**Registration:** begins February 2

The staff at the recreation department is planning an exciting week for your school aged child's spring break.  
This fun filled camp features day excursions and special events.

For additional information, contact the Greenbelt Recreation  
Department at (301) 397-2200

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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m.; Tuesday 8-10 p.m.  
Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.



## Explorations Unlimited

On Friday, February 6, Explorations Unlimited presents a talk about SHHH (Self Help for Hard of Hearing people). The presenter will be Martha Patton, who is a Greenbelt resident.

Self Help for Hard of Hearing people is a volunteer, international organization of hard of hearing people, their relatives and friends. It is a non-profit, non-sectarian educational organization devoted to the welfare and interests of those who cannot hear well but are committed to participating in the hearing world.

The members of SHHH are catalysts that make mainstream society more accessible to people who are hard of hearing. The organization strives to improve the quality of hard of hearing people's lives through education, advocacy and self help.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1-3 p.m., at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the senior classroom. Everyone is welcome and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Movie "Atlantic City" At Community Center

A movie will be shown at the Community Center on Monday, February 9, at 1 p.m. in the Senior Classroom.

The film, "Atlantic City," stars Burt Lancaster and Susan Sarandon. Lancaster appears as an aging two-bit hood who is all style and no substance.

## Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be held on Wednesday, February 4, and will be the business meeting of the month.

Reservations are being taken by the Travel Committee for the Tuesday, February 24, trip to the Women's Military Memorial and the Bureau of Engraving. Also for the trip to Columbia on Wednesday, March 11, to see "Oliver" at Toby's Dinner Theater. Be sure to sign up at the meetings.

President Irene Hensel has reserved E.J.'s Landing Restaurant for the Golden Age Club's annual luncheon, which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 29. Any members willing to help with this event or any club committee should talk to Irene.

Word has it that member, Ima Davis, is on the sick list.

Bring an eligible Goldenager friend to the meeting. New members and guests are always welcome.

# Community Events

## Artists Plan Sunday Open House Series

by Barbara Simon

This Sunday, February 1, begins the monthly Artists Open House series at the Greenbelt Community Center. Everyone is invited to come. The first Sunday of each month from noon to 5 p.m., the artists' studios will be open to the public. The artists encourage the community to drop by and see what they are creating, join in lively discussions with them, and become interested in the arts.

The Brothers McMullin will have stained glass, painting and collages to view, Dan Kennedy, whose oil paintings are greatly admired, loves to explain the process. Sharing Dan's studio is Richard Bates who is working on a

fantastic painting from a grid. Ken Knorr, a watercolorist and Ann Reiss, with her dried-flower arrangements are also involved.

Down the hall is Nancy DePlatchett and Endless Options, a multitude of hand-made crafts, jewelry and art for sale. Don't forget Valentine's Day is around the corner! Susan Whitmore, who has collages to display, will also be available to discuss her work. The Pottery Studios and Frame Shop will be open and the Lefchicks - mother and son - will open their studio with its truly unique and creative items.

Don't miss the fun on the 2nd floor of the Greenbelt Community Center on Sunday.

## At the Library

Wed., Feb. 4, 7 p.m. - P.J. Storytime, ages 4 - 6.

Thurs., Feb. 5, 10:15 a.m. - Drop-In Storytime. Ages 3-5. 11:15 a.m. - Tickly Toddle Storytime. Age 2 and parent or caregiver.

Sat., Feb. 7, 10:30 a.m. - Poetry Plus. Poetry discussion group.

## GHI Notes

Board of Directors meetings are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on February 12 and 26. Meetings are held in the GHI Board Room, and members are encouraged to attend.

Blood pressure testing will be Wednesday, February 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Woodlands Committee will meet in the Board Room at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, February 4.

The Finance Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, February 5, in the Board Room.

## Genealogical Society To Meet at Library

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, February 4, at 7 p.m., in the Greenbelt Public Library, at 11 Crescent Road. The meeting is open to the public.

Visitors are welcome and there is no charge.

The topic will be Genealogical Research in Washington, D.C. The speaker will be Dr. Philip Ogilzie, retired Director of Public Records. For information, call Mary Moien at 301-474-4713.

## Garden Club Meeting

The Greenbelt Home & Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 3, at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Elementary School at 66 Ridge Rd. The featured speaker will be Audrie Whitney from the Landscape Design Critics' Council and her topic will be "Perennials for the Shade".

Whitney is an instructor with the Design Critics Council, a docent at the National Arboretum and has extensive gardening experience. Her topic will address coping with those shady yards which many endure in Greenbelt. Members and guests are invited to attend.

## Avoid Car Towing

In December the Greenbelt Plaza apartments instituted a new parking permit sticker. Residents are encouraged to obtain the new sticker, display it properly, and park only in their assigned spaces. Otherwise, cars will be towed. Some cars have already been towed.

## Science Fair Open Houses Scheduled

On Tuesday, February 3, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., there will be an open house to view the science projects produced by Greenbelt Elementary School's third and fourth graders. The following evening, Wednesday, February 4, also from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., the fifth and sixth grade projects can be observed. All projects will be displayed in the cafeteria and gym.

## Greenbelt.com Isn't Busy Anymore!

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC), which operates on the Internet with the name Greenbelt.com, has announced that it has formed a partnership with a new Internet Service Provider (ISP). This provider is SigmaNet of Greenbelt. SigmaNet's parent company, Informatics, has been doing business in Greenbelt for over a decade.

GIAC found it necessary to search for a new Internet Service Provider after encountering numerous problems with their old ISP. These problems included service outages, frequent busy signals, and slow connections. When requests to the old provider to correct the problems were unfruitful, a search committee was formed. This committee solicited input from GIAC's membership regarding the types of services desired, and then contacted over 50 ISPs.

In December, the committee reviewed the list of finalists and chose SigmaNet as the best candidate. On January 8, the committee presented its recommendation at GIAC's monthly meeting, and the GIAC Board of Directors approved the change. The transition to the new ISP began January 17. The planned completion date for the change is February 1.

SigmaNet has promised that busy signals and other service problems will not be tolerated. In spite of this service improvement, no increase in GIAC's basic fees will result. Basic service will also be expanded to include newsgroup access and ten times the disk space previously allocated for each member's pages on the World Wide Web. In addition, other services, such as shell accounts, will be available for an additional charge.

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative is an all-volunteer group which works to provide Internet access and education about the Internet to persons living in and around Greenbelt. Persons wishing to visit the Greenbelt.com site on the World Wide Web should enter the URL <http://www.greenbelt.com> into their web browser. Persons wishing to join GIAC or volunteer their services are asked to call the president, Nancy Revis, at 301-441-2771, or visit the GIAC site on the World Wide Web at <http://www.greenbelt.com/giac>.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF JAN. 30

The Ice Storm R

All seats \$2.00

Fri., 7:20, 9:40

Sat., 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

Sun: 5:00, 7:20

Mon: 7:30  
(All seats \$1.00)

<http://www.pgtheatres.com/>

## Artists Open House

at the

## Greenbelt Community Center

On the first Sunday of every month there will be an Artists Open House on the second floor of the Greenbelt Community Center from 12 noon to 5:00 pm. The first Open House will be this Sunday, February 1, 1998. All of the Artists will be in attendance to display their work and answer your questions, so come by and find out about the Arts in Greenbelt. For information please call the Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.

## Greenbelt Nursery School & Kindergarten

## OPEN HOUSE

February 21, 1998  
10:00-1:00 p.m.



For more information about our unique school please call:

301-474-5570

classes for children 2 to 6 years old

## New Deal Cafe

Open  
Fri & Sat  
7-11 pm



Music  
8:30 pm  
No cover

Friday 1/30 Randy Austin  
(songs about drinkin', cheatin', & trucks)

Saturday 1/31 Steve Gellman  
(heart driven originals)

Friday 2/6 Stan Brown  
(pharmacist & troubador)

Saturday 2/7 Frank Cassel  
(banjo, kids' & adults' songs)

Donations for Musicians Encouraged  
Greenbelt Community Center  
(301) 474-5642

## Greenbelt Arts Center presents

## A Man For All Seasons

by Robert Bolt, Directed by Jack Wibbe

The classic tale of Sir Thomas More and his refusal to support King Henry VIII. His refusal finds him fighting to save his marriage, his family, his career and his life.

Fridays and Saturdays January 9-31 at 8:00 pm.

Sunday Matinees January 18, 25 at 2:00 pm.

Tickets are \$8/\$6 Senior Citizens Tickets and Students

**The Greenbelt Arts Center**

123 Centerway Greenbelt (next to the Post Office)  
For more information call (301) 441-8770



## OBITUARIES

### Lenora J. Carter

Lenora J. Carter, 95, of Mandan Road, died of congestive heart failure on January 7 at her daughter's home in Glenn Dale.

Born in Tuscaloosa, AL, Mrs. Carter grew up in Oklahoma. She was graduated from the University of Denver where she also received a master's degree in social work. In 1944 she became a social worker with the U.S. Department of Public Welfare in Denver. She moved to Washington in the early 50s.

A longtime Greenbelt resident, Mrs. Carter was a social worker for the U.S. Department of Welfare. She joined the D.C. Redevelopment Land Agency in 1966, retiring in 1977.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Edgar Carter, who died in 1981.

Mrs. Carter is survived by her daughter Shawne Carter McGibbon of Glenn Dale; granddaughters Tracye Turner and Kellye Allison; sister Lucille Thompson and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Divine Peace Lutheran Church, Largo, on January 17.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Hospice Foundation of Prince George's County, 96 Harry S. Truman Dr., Largo, MD 20774.

### Katherine Basinger

Katherine Z. Basinger, 94, of Green Ridge House, died on Sunday, January 11.

She is survived by daughter Lucille (Cillie) M. White, 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Her husband Elmer A. "Jack" Basinger, son Clarence "Ben" Basinger and daughter Esther "Jo" Hajdu preceded her in death.

A memorial service was held in the Green Ridge House Community Room on January 15. Interment was private.

Arrangements were made by Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville.

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### "Don't Skip a Beat" Program Helps Heart

The Greater Laurel Beltsville Branch of the American Heart Association and the Laurel Regional Hospital invites people to attend "Don't Skip A Beat" on Tuesday, February 3, at 7 p.m. This free community program about treating heart disease in 1998 will be held in the J.R. Jones Room at the Laurel Regional Hospital on Van Deusen Road, near Contee Road in Laurel.

Dr. Rita King, a cardiologist, will discuss what heart disease is, what causes it, lifestyle changes that can help reduce the risk of heart disease, and promising new approaches for treating the disease. Light refreshments will be served.

To register to attend this free educational program, call HealthMatch at 301-604-7300 or 888-222-2254. For further information about treating heart disease and/or serving as an American Heart Association volunteer, call AHA at 1-800-253-3677.

### Guarneri Quartet Open Rehearsal

On Tuesday, February 3, at 5 p.m., the University of Maryland School of Music will present an open rehearsal by the Guarneri String Quartet, in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building. The



Keith and Karen Thomas and their sons (from left to right), Tyler, Kyle, and Bryan.

### Holy Cross Church Holds Seminars

Keith Thomas, associate staff member of Search Ministries, is leading a series of seminars at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Entitled "Connexions," the 12-part course promotes personal motiva-

tion for outreach through one-on-one conferences, golf outreaches, hiking trips, ski retreats and other activities. The seminars train men, women and couples in the practice of lifestyle evangelism.

Search Ministries, a national organization, was established in 1977. It is targeted to working with churches, para-church organizations, private and professional organizations, and individuals to encourage spiritual development.

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Thomas has been Human Resources Manager for 13 years, starting in 1983 with the architect of the United States Capitol and since 1990 at the National Institutes of Health. He earned a bachelor of science degree at Geneva College in 1980 and graduated from Capital Bible Seminary with a master of arts degree in theology in 1995.

Married for 10 years, Thomas and his wife, Karen, have three sons, Tyler (5), Bryan (4), and Kyle (1). They live in Beltsville and attend Forcey Memorial Church in Silver Spring.

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This flowering Cherry tree is blooming now near the Co-op supermarket.

- photo by Al Geiger

## A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

Even in the heart of winter some plants will bloom. A mild winter or a prolonged warm spell will bring some plants into bloom earlier.

The small trees between the Co-op supermarket and the dry cleaners have been in bloom for weeks. These flowering cherry trees (variety "autumnalis") is supposed to bloom in the fall and spring. It does not have much need for the chilling effect of winter that many flowering plants require.

Some witch hazel shrubs bloom in winter. Look at the shrubs behind the municipal building and you will see yellow strings. These are the flowers and they smell wonderful. The witch hazel shrub near the lawyers' office near the Roosevelt Center is variety "Arnold's Promise." Witch hazel liquid, used after shaving among other things, is made from this shrub.

My neighbor's early blooming variety of snowdrops has been in bloom since New Years. The little white bells will bloom even

in the snow. I recently noticed some primroses and winter aconite are coming into bloom, the warm weather has probably brought them out early. Another early bloomer is Lenten Rose, though not many grow this.

People have probably been wondering about the white coverings on some of the city's flower beds. This is mostly cover material or bubble wrap in some places. These are materials that serious gardeners use for a variety of purposes. The hope is to keep salt out of the flower beds as the city crews go about their work of snow and ice removal.

In the past, plants have been killed by salt damage in city flower beds. This is something to remember for your own yard. Salt put down for ice removal can kill your plants and can make the soil salty enough to kill other plants put in the same spot. Safer substances for ice removal include sand, ashes, kitty litters and some ice removal chemicals. (Read the labels.)

## Our Neighbors

Condolences to Eileen Peterson and Heather Peterson-Van Orsow on the recent death of Eileen's mother and Heather's grandmother. She lived in California.

Congratulations to Megan E. Zeleny who was awarded academic honors for her work during the fall semester at the University of Maryland College Park. Megan is a sophomore majoring in Physical Education.

We wish a speedy recovery to Theresa "Dolly" McCleary of Ridge Road, who is recovering from a back injury she suffered from a fall. She is now home recuperating and would love to hear from her friends.

Congratulations to Kathryn Wilber and Jim O'Reilly, of Lastner Lane, who along with big brothers Conor and Jesse, welcomed baby sister Eleanor Wilber O'Reilly, born January 8. Greenbelt grandparents are James Wilber and Charlie and Irene Pavlish.

Eleanor's arrival is a big boost for Charlie, who is recovering from by-pass surgery at home.



Jim Sterling

## J. Sterling Becomes Master Code Official

City of Greenbelt Supervisory Inspector James Sterling of the Department of Planning and Community Development has recently become a Master Code Official (MCO), the highest level of certification achievable in the Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc.'s (BOCA) certification program. To date, only 71

individuals throughout the country have earned the title of MCO, although there are more than 4,592 currently certified in one or more categories for which exams are given. To achieve MCO status, a code official must successfully pass all required examinations, currently 17, in BOCA's certification program. The exams cover such disciplines as building, electrical, fire prevention, mechanical, plumbing, property maintenance and plan review.

Sterling has been an employee of the city since 1984. He transferred to the Department of Planning and Community Development when the city first undertook code enforcement in 1990. He became the Supervisory Inspector in 1992.

## Late Winter Pruning Deciduous Bonsai

Late winter is the time to prune deciduous bonsai. Watch curator Warren Hill prune bonsai from the U.S. National Arboretum's permanent collection in this free program February 7, 12:30 - 3 p.m. Also learn the proper techniques of this important cultural practice. Register by calling 202-245-4521.

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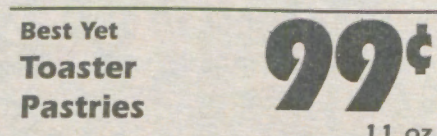
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# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

## Armed Robbery

6100 block of Springhill Terrace, Jan. 16, an armed robbery was reported to have taken place the day before. The victim had called an acquaintance, whom he knew only by first name, to get a ride. That man arrived, but said that he had to go back to his vehicle to get something. He returned a few minutes later accompanied by a black male wearing a ski mask and armed with a handgun. They entered the residence, ordered the victim to lie down on the floor and then removed some marijuana and a money order from the apartment.

Shell Food Mart, 5700 block of Cherrywood Lane, Jan. 17, 1:05 a.m., a man was exiting the restroom when one of three men sprayed pepper spray in his face and another punched him in the face, causing him to fall back into the restroom. The third man pointed a handgun at him and demanded his money. The victim started to get his money out of his coat pocket, but one of the suspects took his coat from him. The three suspects then got into a late model Mercury Marquis, with Maryland handicapped tags beginning with "01," that had been parked next to the restrooms. The vehicle then fled the parking lot, proceeding eastward on Breezewood Drive. The suspects are described as three heavy-set white males.

## Assault

Jeeper's! at Beltway Plaza Mall, Jan. 18, two people were fighting, and the police responded. While the officers were attempting to determine what had happened, a relative of one of the parties to the fight began an altercation with family members of the other party. She was asked several times to cease her provocations, but she refused and was escorted from the mall and advised not to return. She attempted to re-enter the mall, and was told she was under arrest. She kicked the arresting officer several times in the leg and resisted his efforts to place restraints on her. The woman, a nonresident, was charged with assault, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

6100 block of Breezewood Drive, Jan. 19, two residents, a man and a woman, had been involved in a loud argument when the police were called. Investigation revealed that the man had two open warrants for his arrest. When the officers attempted to arrest him, he pushed one of them and attempted to flee the residence. A violent struggle ensued, during which the suspect tried to take the gun from the holster of one of the officers. The man was arrested and charged with attempting to disarm a police officer, resisting arrest, and two counts of second degree assault.

Near Edmonston Terrace and Edmonston Court, Jan. 19, a group of seven or eight black youths approached the victim. One of them asked him for money. He ignored them and kept walking. The males in the group then began to assault him, striking him in the head, face, shoulders and stomach. They then fled the area in a black Jeep, possibly a Cherokee. The victim was treated for minor injuries.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Jan. 21, a 19 year old nonresident was arrested for assault after a domestic argument. He had been arguing with the victim over some property when he became angry, knocking down and then punching his victim several times. The victim did not require medical treatment.

## Unattended Child

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Jan. 17, a 7-year old boy was playing unattended in the rain. The child told the complainant that his mother had left the day before and his father was at work. The complainant then took the child in, and he was with her for more than four hours when the mother returned. The mother was arrested and charged with unattended child.

## Stolen Auto

Beltway Plaza, Jan. 17, a two-tone dark blue and light blue 1986 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme, Virginia tags ZEL-2256, was stolen.

7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, Jan. 20, a dark green BMW 325i with Maryland tags EDA 710 was stolen. The Metropolitan Police recovered it in the 2400 block of Elvins Road, S.E. Washington D.C.

## Burglary, Theft

100 block of Greenhill Road, between Jan. 11 and Jan. 17, a burglar kicked in a rear door, taking nothing.

AMC 8 Theaters at Beltway Plaza, Jan. 17, a purse was taken when the owner accidentally left it in the theater.

6000 block of Springhill Drive, Jan. 17, a burglary was reported which had occurred the day before. There were no signs of forced entry. A video game system and games had been taken.

6000 block of Breezewood Drive, Jan. 17, clothes and linens were taken by someone who forced entry through the front door.

Kay Jewelers, Jan. 17, a man asked to see some bridal sets, snatched a displayed ring from the employee's hand and fled the store. He entered a gray Geo Prism with D.C. tags and damage to the right front end of the vehicle, fleeing toward Greenbelt Road.

7474 Greenway Center Drive, Jan. 17, currency, a diamond ring and credit cards, unattended and unsecured at the time, were taken from an office.

Bally's, 7400 block of Greenbelt Road, personal property was taken from a locked locker.

5900 block of Springhill Drive, Jan. 18, a burglary was reported. Video and photography equipment were taken. The method of entry is unknown.

7000 block of Greenbelt Road, Jan. 18, an officer requested a stolen vehicle check on a temporary tag. The check revealed that the tag had been stolen in Harford County on Dec. 24, 1997. The driver and passenger were arrested and charged with theft under \$300. Both were nonresidents.

Jan. 19, a warrant was obtained for the arrest of an employee of Chevy's Restaurant alleging that he stole part of the deposits between early September and early December of 1997. The nonresident was charged with eight counts of theft over \$300 and one count of aggravated theft. The warrant was turned over to the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office for service.

7 court of Ridge Road, Jan. 20, a juvenile awakened the victim by banging on a window with a large stick. He was still banging on the window when officers arrived. He was arrested and charged with burglary and trespassing.

Holiday Inn Hotel, 7200 Hanover Drive, Jan. 21, currency was taken from an unsecured and unattended office.

6305 Ivy Lane, Jan. 22, an unattended and unsecured purse was taken from an office.

Marriott Hotel, 6400 Ivy Lane, Jan. 22, an unattended leather bag

was stolen from the hotel restaurant.

## Drugs, Alcohol, Trespass

Roosevelt Center, 100 block of Centerway, Jan. 16, a resident youth was arrested for trespassing when an officer observed him on the property after he had been banned from the Roosevelt Center.

5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, Jan. 16, an off-duty officer observed an individual drinking an alcoholic beverage in the hallway of an apartment building. The nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a public place.

Greenbelt Middle School, Jan. 16, three non-resident youths were arrested for trespassing on school grounds. One was also charged with possession of a pager on school property. The three youths, all former students at the school, had previously been banned from the school by the principal. When an officer responded, he located them along Greenbelt Road.

Beltway Plaza, Jan. 16, a resident youth was arrested for trespassing after he had been banned from the mall earlier this month.

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Beltway Plaza, Jan. 16, 11:21 p.m., investigation of a panhandler in the front parking lot revealed that he was in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to ingest CDS. The man, a non-resident, was arrested and charged with possession of CDS paraphernalia.

100 block of Centerway, Jan. 18, an officer stopped a vehicle to issue a citation to the driver. The passenger in the vehicle was intoxicated and became loud and boisterous. The officer asked him several times to leave the area and arrested him when he refused. The man, who lives on Hillside Road, was charged with disorderly intoxication.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from, vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7700 block of Hanover Parkway, 9100 block of Springhill Lane, 9100 block of Edmonston Court, 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, 6500 block of Capitol Drive (two incidents), 800 block of Mandan Drive, 7900 block of Mandan Road, and 21 Court of Ridge Road.

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# KENILWORTH

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used as a bicycle lane, and the 12-foot right-turn lane for both Ivy Lane and the access road into the SHA District Office with a new 14-foot auxiliary lane that would be shared by bicycles and cars turning right, or south, from Cherrywood.

The auxiliary lane would serve only a limited number of cars, Watkins said. These would be forced to turn right onto Ivy Lane by a paved island, or else would have to merge left to continue on Kenilworth. Such 14-foot lanes are considered a "viable compromise," he said.

## Pedestrian Crossing

At Crescent Rd. a pedestrian-activated signal would permit comfortable crossing of the highway. The crossing lane would be clearly marked and adequate time allowed. The raised center island would provide a safe "refuge area," Watkins said. Pedestrian crossing would also be allowed at Cherrywood.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts questioned the safety of these plans. Citing illegal U-turns and the frequent running of red lights by aggressive drivers, he praised the pedestrian underpass designs of original Greenbelt. "This plan is an insult to intelligence," he said. Instead he called for a pedestrian and bicycle overpass.

Such a plan would require bridge design, Watkins said. Noting that the land configuration at Crescent Rd. would be conducive to an overpass, he pointed out that new problems could arise, such as crime and vandalism. He offered to provide referrals to the SHA engineering office if the city persisted in such a course, "but it

would be a one million dollar investment," he said.

The present plan is much more modest. "This is part of a 20-year design cycle," Watkins said.

"Will you put that in a letter?" asked Councilmember Thomas White. White, the longest-serving member of council, has been an avid opponent of plans to extend Kenilworth as a major north-south artery to join the proposed Inter-county Connector.

## SHA Entrance

Roberts raised an issue that drew sympathetic responses from the SHA representatives: the frequency of unintended left turns by traffic into the driveway entrance to the SHA facility. These he attributed to the proximity of the highway sign for the Marriott Hotel. Those unfamiliar with the area, he surmised, thought that the sign directed them into the SHA entrance, instead of into Ivy Lane. This was especially a problem, White agreed, when the gate was locked at night.

Watkins said he would contact hotel officials about having the sign moved further north. SHA staff are interrupted many times every day, he acknowledged, in order to redirect drivers who stray into their compound.

## Bicycle Coalition Response

Present at the meeting were two advocates of travel by bicycle — the city's Advisory Planning Board chair Bill Clark and Bill Kelly of Hollywood, chair of the regional bicycle coalition. Kelly spoke in favor of the 14-foot lane as a reasonable compromise — "the best we can do." He noted what he felt had been a similar accom-

## Museum News

by Sandra Lange

The exhibition "Ideal Places, Personal Spaces" a retrospective view of Greenbelt's architecture over the past 60 years, continues at the Greenbelt Museum's room at the Community Center. Changes in architectural styles often reflect social or cultural changes. These can be seen in some of the embellishments that have been added to the streamlined Art Deco design of the original historic homes. The exhibition is open to the public during the regular Community Center hours.

The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) is seeking new volunteers to become guides. Guides work two hours each month at the Greenbelt Museum, providing tours for small groups or individuals who visit the museum. In addition to the rewards of talking with visitors about Greenbelt's cultural heritage, FOGM sponsors special events for guides. Recently museum guides enjoyed a private tour of the Riversdale Mansion, followed by lunch. Anyone interested in becoming a guide may call Barbara Havekost, 301-474-6369.

modation to bicycles that had been worked out with representatives of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the widening of Sunnyside Ave. It wasn't perfect, he said, but it dealt with the needs of bicycles. He urged concession to the problems on Kenilworth.

Watkins stressed the difficulties of "fitting all of these things" into such a short stretch of highway. He agreed, however, to have a further meeting with Celia Craze, Greenbelt's Director of Planning and Community Development.

Training is provided.

The Greenbelt Museum collection, as well as research papers on Greenbelt, the New Deal, and artifacts of the 1930s and 1940s, may be accessed on the World Wide Web site — [HTTP://OTAL.UMD.EDU/~VG/](http://OTAL.UMD.EDU/~VG/).

Entitled "Virtual Greenbelt," the site is maintained by students at the University of Maryland who write research papers connected to the Greenbelt Museum. They are enrolled in material culture classes at the University's Department of American Studies.

FOGM is pleased to welcome Genevieve Palmer as its new intern for the spring semester. Palmer is a graduate student at George Washington

University. Her major is anthropology, with a focus on museum studies. She will be assisting curator Katie Scott-Childress in preparing grant applications for the upcoming exhibition on the decorative arts of the 1930s and 1940s.

The Greenbelt museum, at 10-B Crescent Road, is open every Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Tours are provided at no cost. The museum shop is also open on Sundays. The book, "Greenbelt: History of a New Town", including the ten-year update, is for sale at the shop on Sundays, and at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, weekdays. Other specialty items connected to Greenbelt are available at the shop.

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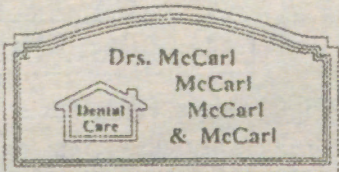


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## MURDER

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Greenbelt police say that the assailant may have been injured during the struggle with the victim. Any health care provider with information on a possible suspect is asked to call the Greenbelt police at 301-507-6530. Identification is made more difficult by the fact that the struggle and assault occurred in the dark.

City police have had no indication, Cave said, that the victim or his friends knew the assailant.

Cave said that the police substation at the mall is not a full-time operation. One city police officer is assigned to patrol the mall and its parking area. Other officers may stop by to do paperwork at the substation, increasing the police presence at the shopping center. The substation is only open when an officer is inside. While the officer assigned to the mall works varied hours based in part upon crime patterns, Thursday is not a high crime night, so the officer was off-duty, although he had been at the mall earlier that evening.

Violent crime is not common at the mall, according to Cave. City crime statistics show that for 1997 there were 39 assaults, 3 rapes and 6 robberies reported there. Assaults is a broad category, which can include verbal threats and fistfights, as well as more serious attacks. The most commonly reported crime at Beltway Plaza is theft, other than autos, with 396 incidents last year. Other crimes included 23 auto thefts and 13 burglaries.

## Volunteers Wanted At Patuxent Refuge

Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel is seeking volunteers for a variety of positions at its North Tract. Positions include Visitor Services (greeting visitors and orienting them to the refuge), Trail Monitors (assisting visitors and maintaining trails), Environmental Education Assistants (helping staff with children's educational programs), and Reptile and Amphibian Surveyors (survey calling frogs, basking turtles and conduct area surveys). Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and commit eight hours per month. Orientations for prospective volunteers will be held on February 22 from 1 - 4 p.m. and March 1 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is required. Please call Marion or Becky at 410-674-3304.

## THOMAS

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past summer was a lifeguard and pool operator.

Anthony's hobby was remote control cars. He saved up his money and bought a real car, but gave it away to Good Will later when something went wrong with the engine. He and some fellow workers at the VOB car dealership in Bethesda, where he worked part time, bought an old 1955 car for \$100. Each chipped in \$25. They were fixing it up.

He was sick a lot growing up, his sister said. "I guess we protected him." When a teacher wouldn't let him turn in an assignment late when he had been sick, she explained, he wouldn't argue with the teacher. "He'd come home and tell us and then our mom would march up to school to argue for him. He was not a fighting kind of person."

More than 300 people came to his wake on Monday and 30 or 40 cars traveled from the funeral at St. Jerome's Church in Hyattsville to the cemetery on Tuesday, Siobhan said. "The support we got has been wonderful." Churches have brought food and sodas, the limousine service was donated, so were the flowers and balloons. Friends had made special tee shirts in his memory. His first grade teacher was at the service. His circle of friends was here for him.

Siobhan started a memorial where her brother died in the hallway outside the police substation in Beltway Plaza. She put up a banner and a few posters and some flowers, others have added more flowers. His last words, she said, were: "I would have given him the coat if he'd asked."

## Tour Bonsai Village

Take a free slide-illustrated journey with horticulturist Dan Chiplis at the U.S. National Arboretum to Japan's famous "bonsai village" on February 8, 1:30 -

## Fit'n Fun Aerobics Class Is a Blast for 16-to-60

by Altoria Bell Ross

Judy Cocchiaro wants the women of Greenbelt and the surrounding area to pump it up. Pump up their hearts, that is.

Cocchiaro, an aerobics instructor for the Greenbelt Recreation Department, teaches exercise classes at the Greenbelt Community Center every weekday at 9:30 a.m. Up to 15 women ranging from 60 to 16 years old bounce into the gym to sweat in Cocchiaro's Fit'n Fun Aerobics class.

And sweating has its benefits. When Barbara Murphy, a 38-year-old Greenbelt resident, took Cocchiaro's very first class in 1996, Murphy wore a size 14. Today, Murphy, a mother of two, wears a size 10.

Weight loss is not the motivating force for 54-year-old Gennie Wells taking the class. A classical singer, Wells developed asthma nine years ago. The aerobics classes increase her singing endurance.

"The class is good for asthma," says Wells, a Greenbelt resident. "You can go at your own pace, and it's fun." The svelte 40-year-old Cocchiaro combines dance steps and energetic moves to generate 45 minutes of aerobic activity, followed by 30 minutes of exercises with weights and floorwork. "I have a blast," says Cocchiaro, a mother of two. "I just love to dance."

### Toning and Peace of Mind

But Brenda Jayne, who is also a Greenbelt mom, prefers Cocchiaro's Tone and Strengthen classes given in the dance studio on Tuesdays.

"I come to get peace of mind," says Jayne, 36, who is also a part-time home-based certified public accountant. "I

like feeling toned."

To tone their muscles, the women use arm and ankle weights for 30 minutes and do exercises on the floor for the remaining 30 minutes of the session.

Cocchiaro, a Greenbelt resident and a former Spa Lady aerobics instructor, says she feels the classes are a service to the community. "I wanted to bring in exercise classes for people who can't afford to join a health club," she says.

And health club fees, they aren't. When women register for the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday aerobics classes, the 11-week session costs a little more than a dollar a class. Participants also pay a small fee for baby sitting and for Thursday's aerobics class.

No baby sitting is available for Cocchiaro's Tuesday toning and strengthening session, but the class is free. Cocchiaro encourages participants to bring mats and weights, but most of all to bring themselves.

"I want to get people out here to exercise," says Cocchiaro. "I want them to pump it up."

## Volunteers for Patch Study Sought

The Women's Health Research Center in Laurel is searching for healthy women to volunteer in a study to determine the effectiveness of a combination hormonal patch to treat postmenopausal symptoms.

Participants will receive a number of free health services, including a physical exam, mammogram, blood work, and study medication. Women should be between the ages of 45 and 65 postmenopausal; in addition, they should not have had a hysterectomy. Call the Women's Health Research Center at 301-953-9677 today; enrollment is limited.

## Suitland Defends In Black Pursuits

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System will sponsor the 13th annual Black Pursuits Quiz Competition this year with funding and support from Jones Communications, Black Entertainment Television, The Prince George's Journal, WAMU-88.5 FM, Prince George's Community College, and Prince George's Plaza.

Defending champion Suitland High School will be challenged by 14 teams from Prince George's County public and private high schools including Eleanor Roosevelt High School on questions about black history, biography, culture and current events.

The preliminary rounds will be played on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Prince George's Community College Television Studio located in Accokeek Hall on the college campus. The two highest-scoring teams will meet in the championship match on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 1 p.m., also at the PGCC Television Studio. The matches will air at 10 p.m. on the evenings of Feb. 16 - 21 on cable channels 24A and 25B.

The Library and its co-sponsors will host a Black Pursuits Kick-off Party for the teams and other invited guests on Tuesday, Feb. 3, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the BET SoundStage Restaurant in Largo. BET personalities Prince DaJour and Joe Claire will host the party, and Calbert Cheaney of the Washington Wizards will be the special guest.

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